



Attorney Docket No.: Joyce 23

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: )  
                            )  
                            )  
Joyce                     )  
                            )  
Application No: 09/998,962     )  
                            )  
                            )  
Filed: October 31, 2001         )  
                            )  
For: EXTERNALLY ALIGNED LASER     )  
                            )  
MODULE                     )

Examiner: James Vannucci

Art Unit: 2828

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA. 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Examiner:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 26, 2005 (the "Office Action"), please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks.